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In re Application of :
Sato et al. :
Application No. 10/069,831 : LETTER REGARDING
Filed: February 26, 2002 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Attorney Docket No. 9683/104 :

This letter is in response to the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT" filed September 14, 2006. Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor to the Office, applicants disclose that the patent term adjustment of 741 days indicated on the determination of patent term adjustment may extend the term of the patent by too many days.

The request for correction of the initial determination of patent term adjustment (PTA) is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is five hundred thirty-seven (**537**) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On July 28, 2006, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment to date is 575 days (not 741 days). Applicants disclose that further periods of reduction should be entered pursuant to 37 CFR 1.704(c)(8).

Applicants are correct. 37 CFR 1.704 (c) provides that:

Circumstances that constitute a failure of the applicant to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of an application also include the following circumstances, which will result in the following reduction of the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 to the extent that the periods are not overlapping:

(8) Submission of a supplemental reply or other paper, other than a supplemental reply or other paper expressly requested by the examiner, after a reply has been filed, in which case the period of adjustment set forth in § 1.703 shall be reduced by the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date the initial reply was filed and ending on the date that the supplemental reply or other such paper was filed;

In this instance, as agreed by applicants, applicants filed a request to reconsider a previously filed Information Disclosure Statement on May 23, 2005, then filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on September 2, 2005 and then filed a response to the non-final rejection on October 10, 2005.

A review of the record confirms that a period of reduction of 102 days associated with the filing of the IDS on September 2, 2005. However, pursuant to 1.704(c)(8), an additional period of reduction of 38 days should have been entered for the filing of the response on October 10, 2005 (e.g., for the period September 3, 2005 to October 10, 2005).

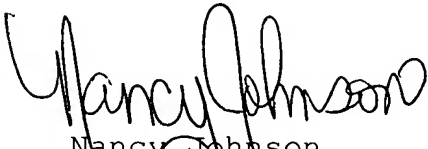
In view thereof, it is concluded that the determination of PTA at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance is FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN (537) days.

As this letter was submitted as an advisement to the Office of an error in applicants' favor, the Office will not assess the \$200.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.18(e). The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this to the attention of the Office.

The Office of Patent Publication has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the application. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the

Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson", written in a cursive style.

Nancy Johnson
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PTA Calculations for Application: 10/069831					
Application Filing Date:		02/26/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):		741
Issue Date of Patent:			Three Years:		0
Pre-Issue Petitions:		0	Applicant Delay (APPL):		166
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